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Applicants: MEIER et al

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For: Method For Increasing The Wear Resistance Of A
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PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

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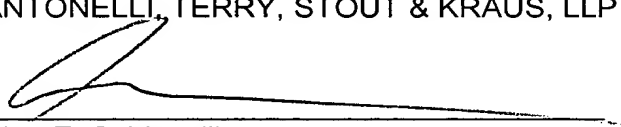
In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit the filing of a response within the first month subsequent to the expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed November 19, 2002.

A payment in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the fee required for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 306.38372X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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